

(b) The descriptive literature to be furnished by the contractor after award, required by the clause in 852.211-74, is to be reviewed and approved by the Telecommunications Support Service prior to delivery and/or installation by the contractor. Promptly upon receipt of the descriptive literature, contracting officers will forward it together with a copy of the contract, the formal specification, or the detailed purchase description to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management, Acquisition Administration Team.

(c) Solicitations, including those for construction, for telecommunications equipment based on "brand name or equal" purchase description are subject to the following:

(1) Prior to award, contracting officers will forward to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management, Acquisition Administration Team, the abstract of bids, one copy of each offer received, including descriptive literature and pertinent letters, and the comments and recommendations of the contracting officer.

(2) No commitments are to be made to contractors prior to receipt of Central Office reaction.

(3) Allowance of at least 30 calendar days for acceptance will be specified in the solicitation in order to allow sufficient time for the review required by this paragraph (c). (See FAR 52.214-16.)

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870.113 Paid use of conference facilities.

(a) The rental of space for VA-sponsored symposia and training sessions may be unwarranted when other alternatives are available at no expense or reduced expense to the Government. After the geographical location for a VA conference has been selected, based on minimum overall travel costs for all Government participants and other relevant factors, a request for conference space will be forwarded to the servicing Supply activity. The request for conference space should afford the con-

tracting officer every opportunity to secure rent-free facilities.

(b) The following criteria for the selection of an appropriate facility will apply:

(1) A thorough effort will be made to schedule conferences and training sessions so that the conference facilities of VA installations in the city where the conference is held may be used.

(2) Where no VA space is available, the General Services Administration will be contacted to determine if there is other Government agency space which may be used.

(3) Efforts will be made to schedule conferences, where Government space is not available, through hotels and motels which offer free conference facilities in exchange for a stipulated number of lodging reservations for participants. Surcharges per lodging or increased room rates, to offset the cost of the conference room, shall be considered payment for such space.

(4) In the event none of these is available on the desired dates, consideration will be given to rescheduling the conference to avail VA of the use of facilities without payment of a fee.

(5) If none of the above is practical, rental conference space will be obtained. Complete documentation of efforts to secure free conference space, as outlined above, will be maintained in the purchase order file. The costs of coffee, refreshments, meals, lodging, tips and other supplies and services not directly related to the presentations within the conference space are not allowable.

(c) The conference coordinator of the requesting organization will continue to be responsible for individual room reservations, including any cancellations.

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870.114 Asbestos.

870.114-1 General.

This section applies to the purchase and use of asbestos products and equipment or materials containing asbestos products in the Department of Veterans Affairs.